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SUBJECT: FRG CONSULTATIONS WITH HUNGARY

SUMMARY: THE HUNGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, JANOS NAGY, WAS IN BONN ON APRIL 14 AND 15 FOR ANNUAL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S POLITICAL DIRECTOR, VAN WELL. IN BRIEFING THE AMBASSADOR ON THE NAGY
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VISIT, VAN WELL SAID THAT IT HAD GONE WELL AND BOTH SIDES

WERE SATISFIED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RELATIONS, ALTHOUGH THE HUNGARIANS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SIZE OF THEIR TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE FRG. END SUMMARY.

1. VAN WELL SAID HE HAD MADE A POINT OF TELLING NAGY HOW DISAPPOINTED THE FRG WAS OVER THE VARIOUS ACCUSATIONS BEING MADE AGAINST IT IN CONNECTION WITH EASTERN POLICY-- ACCUSATIONS OF FOOT-DRAGGING, OF PURSUING A POLICY TOWARD BERLIN WHICH WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, ETC. HE STRESSED THAT HE HAD DONE THIS NOT BECAUSE THE FRG REGARDS THE HUNGARIANS AS BEING PARTICULARLY SERIOUS OFFENDERS ON THIS SCORE BUT BECAUSE HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT NAGY WOULD IMMEDIATELY PASS THE FRG VIEWS ON TO THE SOVIETS.

2. DISCUSSION OF CSCE PRODUCED NO SURPRISES. NAGY TOLD THE GERMANS HE WAS SURE THE SOVIETS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO CBM'S IF THE WEST COULD COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUE OF VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENTS. VAN WELL COMMENTED THAT IT HAD BECOME CLEAR IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS THAT THERE WAS WITHIN THE WARSAW PACT A KIND OF COORDINATION COMMITTEE ON CSCE MATTERS AT THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL WHICH, IN NAGY'S FRANK OPINION, DID NOT FUNCTION AS WELL AS THE COORDINATION ON THE WESTERN SIDE.

3. NAGY REITERATED THE HUNGARIAN DEMAND FOR COMPENSATION FROM THE FRG, PARTICULARLY FOR RAILROAD CARS AND DANUBE SHIPS WHICH HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM HUNGARY AT THE END OF THE WAR AND, DESPITE REPEATED HUNGARIAN REQUESTS, NEVER BEEN RETURNED. THESE GOODS, NAGY SAID, HAD MADE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE GERMAN ECONOMIC MIRACLE WHILE FOR HUNGARY THEY REPRESENTED A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC LOSS. VAN WELL SAID THAT NAGY HAD ALSO SPOKEN IN RATHER GENERAL TERMS ABOUT FRG ASSISTANCE FOR HUNGARY ON A GRANDIOSE SCALE, ALONG THE LINES OF THE MARSHALL PLAN.

4. ON OTHER BILATERAL MATTERS, BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE GREAT INCREASE IN TRAVEL (ACCORDING

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TO VAN WELL'S FIGURES 380,000 GERMANS VISITED HUNGARY IN
1974 WHILE 60,000 HUNGARIANS CAME TO THE FRG). VAN WELL
TOLD NAGY THAT THE PRESENT CONSULAR ARRANGEMENTS, UNDER
WHICH THE HUNGARIANS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY REPORT ARRESTS
OF GERMAN CITIZENS TO THE FRG EMBASSY, WERE HIGHLY
UNSATISFACTORY AND WOULD HAVE TO BE IMPROVED. THE
HUNGARIANS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN AN AGREEMENT ON
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BUT THEY WERE
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TOLD THAT THERE WAS NO POINT IN PROCEEDING WITH THIS

UNTIL THE BERLIN ASPECTS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT BETWEEN BONN
AND MOSCOW.

5. NAGY TOLD VAN WELL THAT HUNGARY DID NOT WANT TO SEE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRADE MATTERS TRANSFERRED FROM THE
INDIVIDUAL STATES TO CEMA BUT HE SAID THAT THE EASTERN
EUROPEANS WERE BEING FORCED IN THIS DIRECTION BY THE
ACTIONS OF THE EC. HUNGARY REMAINED UNWILLING TO NEGOTIATE
TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH THE EC, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS
UNHAPPY WITH THE PRESENT LACK OF A CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR
TRADE. NAGY WAS PARTICULARLY BITTER ABOUT THE EC BEEF
BAN; THE GERMANS SYMPATHIZED WITH HIM BUT SUGGESTED THAT
HE HAD BETTER DIRECT HIS COMPLAINTS TO THOSE EC MEMBERS
WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BAN.

6. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF THE LARGE
HUNGARIAN TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE FRG. HUNGARY DID NOT
WANT TO REDUCE ITS IMPORTS OF GERMAN GOODS, NAGY SAID,
BUT SOME WAY WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND TO REDUCE THE
DISCREPANCY. ONE WAY TO DO THIS, VAN WELL COMMENTED,
WOULD BE THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE JOINT
VENTURES; THERE WERE ALREADY MORE THAN 170 OF THEM, MANY
OF WHICH WERE SUCCESSFULLY SELLING THEIR PRODUCTS IN THE
FRG.
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